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Sniper's Hate Slogans

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — A painted litany of hate covered the walls of an apartment rented by the rooftop sniper who was killed here last weekend.

"My destiny lies in the bloody death of all racist pigs," said one slogan sprayed on the wall from a can of red paint.

"The quest for freedom is death — then by death I shall escape to freedom," read another.

"Hate white people, beast of the earth," was written in another place.

Police confirmed yesterday that the dirty, two-room apartment was rented by Mark Essex, 23, who was killed by police bullets atop the DownTown Howard Johnson's hotel after three policemen, a hotel employe and two hotel guests had been killed.

There was no assurance that Essex painted the slogans, but the landlady, Mrs. Morgan, said the walls were freshly painted when he moved in Nov. 1 and she and other neighbors said they never saw anyone else enter the apartment.

The word "Africa," spanned a 12-foot section in black letters four feet high.

"Kill pig Nixon and all his running dogs," was on one wall. On a pink and orange sheet tacked over a window was, "Black justice, revolutionary justice. Shoot to kill."

On another wall was, "Shoot the devil the way you do a dog pig. Kill white devil and kill black pig."